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**Children in distress**  
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Two out of every hundred children have to be given direct help by the State - whether it be psychiatric, social or medical.

But are these the only children 'in distress'? What about those children who do not qualify for State help?

Alec Clegg and Barbara Megson estimate that perhaps 12 per cent of our children desperately need help, but do not qualify to receive it. *Children in distress* paints an agonizing picture of child distress, based on the authors' long experience in educational administration. They argue that it is the schools - in daily contact with the children - that are the agencies best suited to help this large and saddening section of our child population.

... this book, containing a wealth of information and ideas based on the experience of very many schools, can help teachers who want to help their problem pupils, but just do not know how to start. It can help them, probably, more than any other single volume.

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